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Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070038
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Wednesday, February 21, 2007
Start Date/Time:	2/21/2007 8:45:00 AM
End Date/Time:	2/21/2007 12:15:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Wednesday, January 17, 2007

Inspector: Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny, 30's F.

InspectionID Report Number: 1221

Accepted by: whedberg

3/7/2007

Permittee: **PLATEAU MINING CORP**

Operator: **PLATEAU MINING CORP**

Site: **WILLOW CREEK MINE**

Address: **PO BOX 30, HELPER UT 84526-0030**

County: **CARBON**

Permit Type: **PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM**

Permit Status: **ACTIVE**

Current Acreages

14,670.00	Total Permitted
176.35	Total Disturbed
	Phase I
	Phase II
	Phase III

Mineral Ownership

- ☒ Federal
☐ State
☐ County
☒ Fee
☒ Other

Types of Operations

- ☒ Underground
☐ Surface
☒ Loadout
☐ Processing
☐ Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The Permittee notified the Division on February 12, 2007 that the fourth quarter of 2006 water monitoring data for the Willow Creek permit area was in the water monitoring data base "pipeline" and ready for uploading. The Permittee continues to meet the Special Permit Condition included as Attachment "A" of the current State permit.

There are no pending compliance actions for the disturbed areas of the Willow Creek Mine which remain inspectable by the Division.

Inspector's Signature: _____

Pete Hess, Environmental Scientist III

Inspector ID Number: 46

Date Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining.

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Inspection Continuation Sheet

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REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - a. For COMPLETE inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check Not Applicable.
 - b. For PARTIAL inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by reference the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Signs and Markers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Topsoil	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.d Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.e Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Explosives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Noncoal Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Slides and Other Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Contemporaneous Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Backfilling And Grading	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Subsidence Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Cessation of Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.a Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.b Roads: Drainage Controls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Other Transportation Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS Check	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Air Quality Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Bonding and Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

Pond 001 was dry this day. No compliance issues were noted.

7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

The reclaimed School House Canyon waste rock facility was inspected this day. The drainage channel which has been installed parallel with the longitudinal axis appears to have received only a small volume of flow, at best. This channel reports directly to the Price River.

9. Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues

The #1 shaft in Crandall Canyon has not settled since it was last backfilled. The #2 airshaft, which settled an extensive amount during the latter part of November 2006, appears to be stable, although the material which was placed appears to be approximately fifty feet below the surface. Rocks dropped from the chain link fence placed over the opening fall about two seconds before hitting water. The chain link fence placed around the #2 shaft remains in good condition with appropriate danger signs. Mr. Ware intends to install a similar fence around the #1 shaft in the spring of 2007. The BLM, the Division, the Permittee, and a shaft reclamation expert from CONSOL held a teleconference call on the #2 shaft incident on February 2, 2007 to discuss future backfilling activities in the area. A future meeting is to be scheduled.

22. Other

The February 1, 2007 edition of the Sun Advocate newspaper contained an article stating that "a company that creates coking coal wants to set up an operation at the Western Energy Training Center" (WETC is a sub-division of the College of Eastern Utah and is located in the former Willow Creek Mine buildings). This area has received a Phase III bond release from the DOGM (Task ID #2521) as of May 9, 2006. A inspection of the facility is to be conducted by Division personnel.